

From: John B. Troost, President

Subject: Presidents Report for the August 15, 2012 Meeting

Several of my Goals for the Commission will remain the same as last years, with a few changes:

2012-2013 Goals/Objectives for the LA County Commission on Disabilities

1. To obtain better communication between Commission and the County Board of Supervisors and to establish/maintain a rapport with Supervisorial Deputies.
2. To continue with setting up a (working) Committee Structure for the Commission to promote a monthly reporting system.
3. To maintain our association with KTYM with respect of the "Disability Network" and "Janet's Planet" Radio Programs and Total Recall, Inc.
4. To add HS Senior Awards Ceremony participation to the Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter Scholarship Program. To involve the participation of the Commissioner who lives in the Supervisorial District of the School. The call for applicants should begin immediately and have a deadline of early to mid-April so that we can coordinate with the schools and be added to the Graduation Ceremony Program to present the awardee with a certificate in front of the student body.
5. To involve each Commissioner in the development of monthly Agenda Items, thus obtaining more community involvement, and a possible need to create more Committees.
6. To bring back the Access Awards Luncheon to the Music Center giving us a bigger area for expansion.
7. To bring back a once or twice a year Community Commission Meeting to reach out to persons with disabilities away from downtown Los Angeles.

Most of my efforts this past have been geared towards the possible dedication of the Hamilton Ramp Dedication on the second floor and the possible expense relief in the cost of setting up and tear down fees of the ramp and stage for the Access Awards Luncheon in October. I also want to thank Commissioner Reitnour for her efforts in these endeavors along with, of course, Vice President Janet Neal for her efforts as well.

I have also found that a family friend now works for the DMV in Sacramento so we are now working together on creating a new placard designation for public transportation vehicles, which I will follow up this next month. He complemented me on the efforts and publicity of the "Stings" conducted by the LAPD to stop placard abuse.

I currently am having a Spinal and other issues therefore I am not going to try to be there today, unless???????? (things can always change).

In my absence, if there is a quorum, at my request please adjourn the meeting in the Memory of Joyce Rippe' Tanton. She knew my parents since their days together at USC and USC Law School, the two families have grownup and vacationed together ever since, she will be missed.